

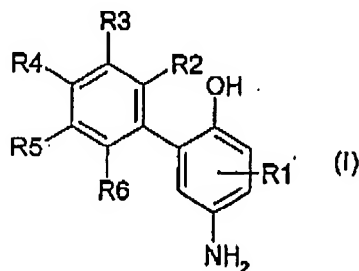
In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10 to 18 without prejudice and add the following claims 19 to 27:

Claims 1 to 9 (previously canceled).

Claims 10 to 18 (canceled).

19(new). A colorant for oxidative dyeing of keratin fibers, particularly human hair, based on a developer-coupler combination, said colorant containing, as developer, at least one 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl derivative compound of formula (I), or a physiologically tolerated, water-soluble salt thereof:



wherein **R1** denotes hydrogen, a halogen atom, a C₁-C₄-alkyl group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkyl group, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy group or a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkoxy group;
wherein **R2, R3, R4, R5, R6** can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkoxy group, a C₁-C₆-alkyl group,

a C₁-C₄-alkyl thioether group, a mercapto group, a nitro group, an amino group, an alkylamino group, a dialkylamino group, a trifluoromethyl group, a -C(O)H group, a -C(O)CH₃ group, a -C(O)CF₃ group, an -Si(CH₃)₃ group,

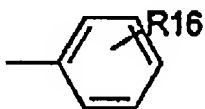
a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkyl group, a C₃-C₄-dihydroxyalkyl group, a -CH=CHR₇ group, a -(CH₂)_p-CO₂R₈ group or a -(CH₂)_p-R₉ with p = 1,2,3 or 4, a -C(R₁₀)=NR₁₁ or C(R₁₂)H-NR₁₃R₁₄ group, or two adjacent R₂ to R₆ groups form an -O-CH₂-O- bridge;

R₇ denotes hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a nitro group, an amino group, a -CO₂R₁₂ group or a -C(O)CH₃ group;

R₈, R₁₀ and R₁₃ can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen or a C₁-C₄-alkyl group;

R₉ denotes an amino group or a nitrile group;

R₁₁, R₁₄ and R₁₅ can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkyl group, a C₃-C₄-dihydroxyalkyl group or a radical of formula

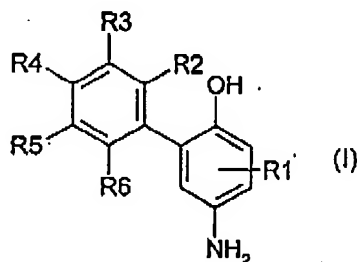


R₁₂ denotes hydrogen, an amino group or a hydroxy group, and provided that the at least one 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl derivative compound of the formula (I) does not have a center of symmetry and that, if one of R₃ and R₆ denotes an amino group, an alkylamino group or a dialkylamino group, another of

R3 and **R6** different from said one of **R3** and **R6** does not denote an amino group, an alkylamino group or a dialkylamino group.

20(new). The colorant according to claim 19, wherein **R1** denotes hydrogen.

21(new). A colorant for oxidative dyeing of keratin fibers, particularly human hair, based on a developer-coupler combination, said colorant containing, as developer, at least one 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl derivative compound of formula (I), or a physiologically tolerated, water-soluble salt thereof:



wherein **R1** denotes hydrogen;

wherein **R2**, **R3**, **R4**, **R5**, **R6** can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkoxy group, a C₁-C₆-alkyl group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl thioether group, a mercapto group, a nitro group, an amino group, an alkylamino group, a dialkylamino group, a trifluoromethyl group, a -C(O)H group, a -C(O)CH₃ group, a -C(O)CF₃ group, an -Si(CH₃)₃ group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkyl group, a C₃-C₄-dihydroxyalkyl group, a -CH=CHR₇ group,

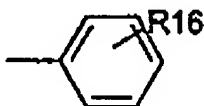
a $-(CH_2)_p-CO_2R_8$ group or a $-(CH_2)_p-R_9$ with $p = 1, 2, 3$ or 4 , a $-C(R_{10})=NR_{11}$ or $C(R_{12})H-NR_{13}R_{14}$ group, or two adjacent R_2 to R_6 groups form an $-O-CH_2-O-$ bridge;

R_7 denotes hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a nitro group, an amino group, a $-CO_2R_{12}$ group or a $-C(O)CH_3$ group;

R_8 , R_{10} and R_{13} can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen or a C_1-C_4 -alkyl group;

R_9 denotes an amino group or a nitrile group;

R_{11} , R_{14} and R_{15} can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a C_1-C_4 -alkyl group, a C_1-C_4 -hydroxyalkyl group, a C_3-C_4 -dihydroxyalkyl group or a radical of formula

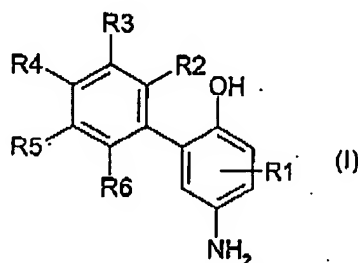


R_{12} denotes hydrogen, an amino group or a hydroxy group; and

wherein four of R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 each denote hydrogen while a remaining fifth of R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a methyl group, an amino group, a hydroxy group, a methoxy group, C_1-C_4 -hydroxyalkyl groups and C_1-C_4 -hydroxyalkoxy groups; and

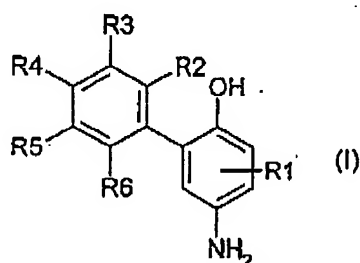
provided that the at least one 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl derivative compound of the formula (I) does not have a center of symmetry.

22(new). A colorant for oxidative dyeing of keratin fibers, particularly human hair, based on a developer-coupler combination, said colorant containing, as developer, at least one 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl derivative compound of formula (I), or a physiologically tolerated, water-soluble salt thereof:



wherein **R1**, **R2**, **R3**, **R4**, **R5** and **R6** each denote hydrogen.

23(new). A colorant for oxidative dyeing of keratin fibers, particularly human hair, based on a developer-coupler combination, said colorant containing, as developer, at least one 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl derivative compound of formula (I), or a physiologically tolerated, water-soluble salt thereof:



wherein **R1** denotes hydrogen, a halogen atom, a C₁-C₄-alkyl group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkyl group, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy group or a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkoxy group;

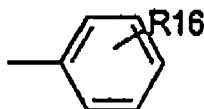
wherein **R2, R3, R4, R5, R6** can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkoxy group, a C₁-C₆-alkyl group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl thioether group, a mercapto group, a nitro group, an amino group, an alkylamino group, a dialkylamino group, a trifluoromethyl group, a -C(O)H group, a -C(O)CH₃ group, a -C(O)CF₃ group, an -Si(CH₃)₃ group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkyl group, a C₃-C₄-dihydroxyalkyl group, a -CH=CHR₇ group, a -(CH₂)_p-CO₂R₈ group or a -(CH₂)_p-R₉ with p = 1,2,3 or 4, a -C(R₁₀)=NR₁₁ or C(R₁₂)H-NR₁₃R₁₄ group, or two adjacent **R2** to **R6** groups form an -O-CH₂-O-bridge;

R7 denotes hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a nitro group, an amino group, a -CO₂R₁₂ group or a -C(O)CH₃ group;

R8, R10 and **R13** can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen or a C₁-C₄-alkyl group;

R9 denotes an amino group or a nitrile group;

R11, R14 and **R15** can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkyl group, a C₃-C₄-dihydroxyalkyl group or a radical of formula



R12 denotes hydrogen, an amino group or a hydroxy group; and

wherein four of **R2, R3, R4, R5 and R6** each denote hydrogen while a remaining fifth is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a methyl group, an amino group, a hydroxy group, a methoxy group, C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkyl groups and C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkoxy groups; and

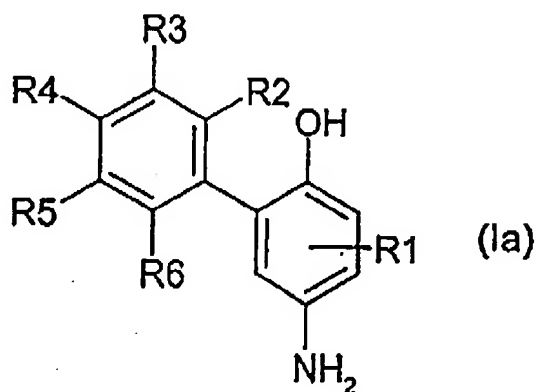
provided that the at least one 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl derivative compound of the formula (I) does not have a center of symmetry.

24(new). A colorant for oxidative dyeing of keratin fibers, particularly human hair, based on a developer-coupler combination, said colorant containing, as developer, at least one 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl derivative selected from the group consisting of 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl, 2,4'-dihydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl, 2-hydroxy-5-amino-4'-(2"-hydroxyethoxy)-biphenyl, 2,4'-dihydroxy-5-amino-2'-methylbiphenyl, 2-hydroxy-5-amino-4'-(2"-hydroxyethyl)biphenyl and 2-hydroxy-5,4'-diaminobiphenyl; or a physiologically tolerated, water-soluble salt thereof.

25(new). The colorant according to claim 19, containing from about 0.005 to 20.0 wt. % of said at least one 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl derivative compound of the formula (I).

26(new). The colorant according to claim 19, having a pH of 6.5 to 11.5.

27(new). A 2-hydroxy-5-aminobiphenyl derivative compound of formula (Ia), or a physiologically tolerated, water-soluble salt thereof:

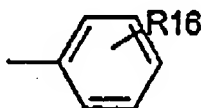


wherein **R1** denotes hydrogen, a halogen atom, a C₁-C₄-alkyl group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxy-alkyl group, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy group or a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkoxy group; **R2, R3, R4, R5, R6** can be equal or different and independently of each other denote hydrogen, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkoxy group, a C₁-C₆-alkyl group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl thioether group, a mercapto group, a nitro group, an amino group, an alkylamino group, a dialkylamino group, a trifluoromethyl group, a -C(O)H group, a -C(O)CH₃ group, a -C(O)CF₃ group, an -Si(CH₃)₃ group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkyl group, a C₃-C₄-dihydroxyalkyl group, a -CH=CHR₇ group, a -(CH₂)_p-CO₂R₈ group or a -(CH₂)_p-R₉ with p = 1,2,3 or 4, a -C(R₁₀)= NR₁₁ or C(R₁₂)H-NR₁₃R₁₄ group, or two adjacent **R2** to **R6** groups form an -O-CH₂-O- bridge; **R7** denotes hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a nitro group, an amino group, a -CO₂R₁₂ group or a -C(O)CH₃ group;

R8, R10 and R13 can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen or a C₁-C₄-alkyl group;

R9 denotes an amino group or a nitrile group;

R11, R14 and R15 can be equal or different and, independently of each other, denote hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl group, a C₁-C₄-hydroxyalkyl group, a C₃-C₄-dihydroxyalkyl group or a radical of formula



R12 denotes hydrogen, an amino group or a hydroxy group; and

with the proviso that (i) the compound of formula (Ia) does not have a center of symmetry; that (ii) **R2** does not denote hydrogen or a hydroxy group; that (iii) if one of **R3** and **R6** denotes an amino group, an alkylamino group or a dialkylamino group, another of **R3** and **R6** different from said one of **R3** and **R6** does not denote an amino group, an alkylamino group or a dialkylamino group; and that (iv) if **R1** and three of the **R2, R3, R4, R5 and R6** each denote hydrogen, and one of the remaining **R2, R3, R4, R5 and R6** denotes hydrogen, a halogen atom or a C₁- to C₆-alkyl group, another of the remaining **R2, R3, R4, R5 and R6** does not denote a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy group, a C₁-C₄-alkylthioether group, a nitro group, an amino group, an alkyl amino group, a dialkylamino group or a trifluoromethyl group.